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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE (SPNWFZ)

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ARRIVED NADI, FIJI LATE FEBRUARY 6 FROM NEW ZEALAND, AND LEFT EARLY FEBRUARY 8 FOR AUSTRALIA. SEC GEN AND PARTY FLEW TO SUVA SATURDAY MORNING FEB 7 AND RETURNED TO NADI IN LATE AFTERNOON. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT NAUSORI AIRPORT, SUVA, WHERE HE WAS MET BY PRIMIN, CABINET, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SEC GEN HAD LONG MEETING WITH PRIMIN FOLLOWED BY PRESS CONFERENCE. AFTER OFFICIAL LUNCHEON, SEC GEN AND PARTY VISITED UNIV OF SOUTH PACIFIC BEFORE GOING TO AIRPORT FOR RETURN TO NADI. PRIMIN ACCOMPANIED AND HOSTED DINNER FOR SEC GEN AND PARTY IN NADI AREA SATURDAY NIGHT.

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2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, SECGEN SAID HE AND PRIMIN HAD DISCUSSED SPNWFZ. ZONE WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED BY PACIFIC ISLAND LEADERS WHEN SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETS IN NEW ZEALAND IN MARCH. SECGEN SAID THAT PRIMIN HAD TOLD HIM FIJI ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ATTAINMENT OF ZONE, BUT THAT QUESTION IS WHETHER INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CONTINUED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CHANGED ATTITUDE OF NEW ZEALAND. HE SAID NZ PRIMIN MULDOON HAD EXPRESSED "CONTINUED INTEREST" IN ZONE BUT HAD STRESSED THAT SUCH ZONE CAN BE OF PRACTICAL VALUE ONLY IF NUCLEAR POWERS ARE READY TO COOPERATE AND RESPECT SUCH A ZONE. SECGEN ADDED THAT UN IS "OF COURSE IN FAVOR ON NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES".
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